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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Please consider and enter the Amendment & Remarks Accompanying RCE, which is being submitted with this request.

The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter. Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowance in light of the Amendment & Remarks which accompanies this RCE.

Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions concerning this request or the above-identified patent application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the US Patent and Trademark Office via the Patent Office Electronic Filing System EFS-Web in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.6(a)(4) on <u>August 12, 2009</u>.

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Respectfully submitted,

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